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Title: HIGH VOLTAGE POWER MOSFET HAVING A VOLTAGE SUSTAINING REGION THAT INCLUDES DOPED COLUMNS FORMED BY TRENCH ETCHING USING AN ETCHANT GAS THAT IS ALSO A DOPING SOURCE

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Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application, please enter the following preliminary amendment and remarks: